

**Golf Commission Meeting
August 25, 2008
Minutes**

Members Present: Tom Galla, Chairman; Owen Evans, Vice-Chairman; Sue Casey; Ron Dray; Don Espach; George Furkiotis; Bruce Gerstman; Tony Johnson; Jim Steidlmayer

Members Absent: None

Chairman Tom Galla called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

Review and approval of the Minutes

Review and approval of the Minutes of July 28, 2008... There was a motion made by Mr. Steidlmayer seconded by Mrs. Casey to approve the minutes with the addition to Page 5, Old Business, first bullet, the program will be discontinued “during peak season. Fivesomes may still be allowed during off season slow times at the discretion of the General Manager and Head Professional.” Motion carried unanimously.

Audience Participation

- Mr. Al DeWalt of the Senior Men’s Club had several questions:
 1. Was there going to be a Town Tournament this year? Mr. Galla reported that for budgetary reasons, the Town Tournament would not be played this year. The Commission will review the budget and make a determination as to whether or not the tournament will be held in 2009.
 2. Will the rates be reduced in September? Mr. Brown reported that September is not a slow month at Tashua and we consider our “season” to be from May 1 to October 15th. We have never reduced our rates in September and we will be reviewing play next month to determine if and when rates will be reduced later in the fall. Mr. Galla responded that it was the Commission’s responsibility to meet its budget numbers and that unless play slowed dramatically; rates would not be reduced until later in the fall.
 3. The condition of the bunkers seemed to be pretty rocky, are there any plans to improve them? Mr. Galla stated that one of the next big projects the Commission is considering is work on the bunkers. However, this is a project that would have to be bonded and the Commission will be reviewing that project at budget time. Mr.

Nagashima said that the maintenance department would be borrowing a sand screener from the Parks Department this week to improve the condition of the sand.

Director of Golf Course Property Report (Hidalgo Nagashima)

Labor:

- Director of Operations – Golf Course Properties
- Superintendent
- Mechanic
- Three full-time greensmen
- Nine part-time greenskeepers

Maintenance Department Outline:

- Mr. Nagashima is very pleased with the current conditions on the Glen. There are a few rough spots on the course, but it is holding up well to traffic. Mr. Nagashima and Mr. Brown have inspected the course and discussed what needs to be done as the season winds down. This list of projects will begin after Labor Day.
- The Glen will be aerated beginning next week.
- The Knolls is also holding up well. The Knolls is scheduled to be aerated beginning October 27.
- Mr. Nagashima will be meeting with Mr. Brown and the Greens Committee to discuss fall and winter projects.

Projects:

- The ponds are scheduled for treatment – particularly pond #2.
- The stumps have been ground and filled in with soil.
- DaVinci Development has reported that we are scheduled next for paving work on the cart paths and parking lot.
- All new equipment for 2008 has been received.
- All the bunkers have been edged.

Golf Pro/Director of Golf Report (Bobby Brown)

Operations:

- Rounds for the month of August are on pace to surpass 2007 despite the fact that at least five partial days were lost to rain.
- The Don Miklus Memorial was the only tournament in August with 105 players.
- The Knolls and Glen are in great shape with many favorable comments from customers. Mr. Brown commended Mr. Nagashima and his staff on the conditions this year.
- Fall Specials will be developed and proposed at the next meeting.

- A clarification was made to the Rack policy. You cannot put your name on the list prior to 3:00 PM and you must remain on site and be present at 6:00 PM in order to book a time.

Plant and Facility:

- The wall plaques have been secured and hung. We have still not received an estimate for the Sr. Men's replacement plaque.
- On July 27th, the Maintenance Barn sustained some damage due to a lightning strike. The burglar and fire alarm was burned out and will cost \$3,125 to replace.
- New signs to prevent vehicles from entering the back of the course as well as "caution" signs for golf cars have been ordered.
- The pump house has been painted green. With the exception of #12, all coolers on the course have been painted as well. The gate at the foot of Tashua Knolls Lane has been painted green and new reflectors added.
- The trim on the old car barn is being painted white. Mr. Brown asked for Commissioner's opinion as to whether or not the trim should be repainted white on the clubhouse.
- Mr. Brown presented the Commission with a proposal from Mr. Hector Santos to provide Licensed Massage Therapist Services at Tashua Knolls Golf Course. Mr. Brown stated that the downstairs Men's Locker room would be remodeled slightly to allow for a therapy area for both men and women. The Commission discussed the concept and had many questions regarding the actual floor plan of the area, the requirements by Town Hall of an outside vendor operating on Town property, and any insurance stipulations. Mr. Galla stated that he was familiar with the work of Mr. Santos and found his services to be very beneficial. After an informal poll of Commission members, it was decided that Mr. Brown would pursue the matter further and report back at the next Commission meeting.
- Mr. Galla took the opportunity to say how pleased he was at the support the golf course received for the recent Don Miklus Memorial tournament. It is estimated at this point that the tournament raised in excess of \$13,000 which will all go back to support junior golf at Tashua.

Food and Beverage:

- Mr. Brown said Mr. Faustini, Concessionaire, has made some aesthetic improvements to the concrete areas around the restaurant. He has added some benches as well.
- The Commission asked about a wall that was being erected by Mr. Faustini near the kitchen entrance. Mr. Brown was going to meet with Mr. Faustini to determine what the project consisted of and to remind Mr. Faustini that he needed Commission approval before proceeding with major improvements.

Greens Committee (Owen Evans)

- Mr. Evans asked Mr. Brown to work with Mr. Faustini to clean up the area around the refuse containers in the parking lot. Mr. Evans noted that there is a great deal of debris around the containers making for very unsanitary conditions.

House Committee (Tony Johnson)

- None

Executive (Tom Galla)

- None

Finance (Don Espach)

- None

Correspondence

- None

New Business

- Mr. Galla reported that the new contract for ATK Golf Services Inc. was brought before the L & A Committee on August 25th. It was approved and will be brought before the Town Council on September 4th for final approval.

Old Business

- None

<p>A motion to adjourn at 8:55 PM was made by Mr., Johnson; seconded by Mr. Furkiotis. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
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Respectfully submitted,

Christine Plumeau
Golf Commission Clerk